

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GOODWILL® PARTNER ON DONATION BOXES

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Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County and Goodwill Industries of the Valleys are partnering on a pilot project to offer residents an opportunity to donate clothes, shoes, books, housewares and other non-breakable items at three consolidated sites starting Tuesday, July 17.

Donation boxes, called "EDGAR Boxes," will be located at several consolidated sites in Blacksburg and Riner. EDGAR is Goodwill's "little green man" that stands for "Educating that Donations to Goodwill Are Recyclable."

EDGAR Box locations (during normal operating hours):

Riner, 4300 Riner Road Ellett Valley, 910 Luster's Gate Road Price's Fork, 4680 Prices Fork Road

"We hope residents use the unattended donation boxes to drop off gently used items that might end up in the landfill if an appropriate alternative is not available" said General Services Assistant Manager Bill Long. "Our hope is these three sites will be so popular that the program will expand and donation boxes will be offered at other consolidated sites."

"We are excited about partnering with the County to offer residents more opportunities to donate and help people in our community get back to work and gain greater independence," said Mark Brittain, Vice President Donated Goods Operations at Goodwill. "A lot of families depend on shopping at Goodwill and the job training and employment programs we provide. Items that cannot be reused will be recycled."

Residents may bring items too large for these donation boxes to the Blacksburg or Christiansburg stores or the two attended donation centers in Christiansburg. Goodwill also offers pickup service for large quantities of items.

The County's 10 recycling and collection sites are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (6 p.m. in the winter), Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information about Goodwill, call 540-250-7271 or see www.goodwillvalleys.com. For more information on consolidated sites, call 540-382-5793 or see www.montgomerycountyva.gov.

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